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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Mr. Gerard	Army
Lieut. Madden	Navy
Major Malone	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Chapter I Task Group)
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2. The Chairman announced the purpose of this meeting to be the examination of the substantive aspects of Chapter I on NIS 7 (Denmark), the further development of Chapter I procedures, and improvement in the scope and treatment of future Chapters I.

3. Comments on Chapter I on Iran

The Navy member reported that copies of Chapter I on Iran had been sent to principal Navy users to acquaint them with the new Chapter and to afford them opportunity to suggest any changes leading to further usefulness of these Chapters. The replies indicated full acceptance of the scope and treatment of Chapter I in its present form. Some examples of these comments are noted:

- a. Commander in Chief, US Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean - "The document fills a definite and recurring need and will, in the future, save many hours in preparing briefs and general studies of the area - a document of low classification would extend the advantages of excellent presentation and textual content to operational use."
- b. Commander Sixth Fleet - "It is recommended that an endeavor be made to have assigned as high a priority as practicable and consistent with other NIS production requirements to the completion of Chapter I on all Mediterranean countries. In addition to serving as the basis for initial strategic planning it also serves as an authoritative source of background information for US naval vessels visiting foreign countries in peacetime."

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- c. Commander in Chief, US Pacific Fleet - "CINCPACFLT  
has reviewed the prototype Chapter I of the NIS and considers that it adequately fulfills the requirements of a brief of an NIS area. The salient basic intelligence aspects are well presented and will be extremely valuable in any initial consideration of an NIS area. The master index is an excellent feature and will be of great assistance in use of the NIS by commands not holding the complete NIS program. In addition Chapter I per se will suffice for those subordinate commands having a limited requirement for NIS material."

4. Comments on Chapter I for Denmark

All members considered that Chapter I for Denmark was an improvement over the first Chapter I (Iran). The Committee agreed to a number of substantive changes in the draft and turned over suggested editorial changes to the Chapter I Task Group. The Chairman discussed the question of control for Chapter I pointing out that the "Comments on Principal Sources" which appear in Chapter I are not of a nature as to require controls. Further discussion on this question was deferred until the next meeting to permit members to examine the matter with their agencies.

The Army member stated that it would be infeasible in many cases for Army to comply with the requirement to set forth the collection situation or trend in "Comments on Principal Sources" since analysts were not too close to the collection picture and could not, therefore, make a realistic appraisal. All members agreed that a statement on the broad collection situation was a desirable requirement which should stand. It was further agreed that each agency could use its discretion in fulfilling the requirement when it became unusually difficult to do so.

The Army member said that analysts were finding it difficult to write Sections 12 and 13 without a more definitive outline to guide them. The Chairman suggested that a meeting be held between Army representatives and the Chapter I Task Group to resolve this problem. The Army member agreed to this suggestion.

All members requested that more time be afforded in the future for the final review of Chapter I drafts. The Chairman said that two weeks could be given to the final review providing the original deadlines were strictly adhered to. The Committee agreed that two weeks would be adequate for final review, and that efforts should be made by all Chapter Coordinators to meet the deadline for Chapter I contributions.

5. Request for NIS on Satellite Areas

The Chairman said that [REDACTED] has requested NIS on all European Satellite Countries in addition to NIS on the USSR which [REDACTED] would receive. These additional NIS are necessary to support the intelligence

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requirements of [REDACTED] All members were requested to obtain the views of their agencies on this matter by the next meeting.

6. The next meeting of the NIS Committee is scheduled for 1000 hours on Tuesday, 2 November 1954.

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